

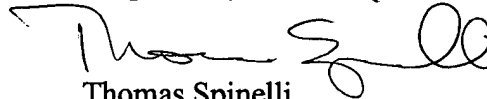
REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

By means of the present Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to cross-reference the parent application, 09/792,155. Furthermore, the claims elected in the parent application have been canceled. No new matter has been entered by way of the present preliminary amendment.

In view of the above, early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Spinelli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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